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In re Application of : Pierre Messier, et al.  
For : **ANTIMICROBIAL FLASH-DRY  
DISINFECTANT AEROSOL**  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
**Box Patent Application**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the claim fees and substantive examination of the captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please add the following before the first line on pages 1 and 28:

**--ANTIMICROBIAL FLASH-DRY DISINFECTANT AEROSOL--.**

**In the Claims:**

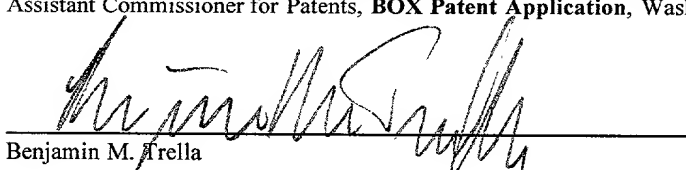
Please amend claims 3 and 4 to read as follows (copies of the claims with the amendments shown with bracketing ("[" and "]") indicating deletions to the claims are attached as Exhibit A):

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3. An aerosol apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein said antimicrobial agent comprises hydrogen peroxide.

4. An aerosol apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein said flash vaporization component comprises ethanol.

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Please add new claims 22 and 23 as follows:

22. An aerosol apparatus as defined in claim 2 wherein said antimicrobial agent comprises hydrogen peroxide.
23. An aerosol apparatus as defined in claim 2 wherein said flash vaporization component comprises ethanol.

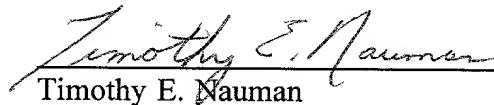
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**REMARKS**

The proposed amendments to the specification and claims merely conform the application to U.S. practice. No new issues are raised by the proposed changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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## EXHIBIT A

3. (Amended) An aerosol apparatus as defined in claim 1 [or 2] wherein said antimicrobial agent comprises hydrogen peroxide.

4. (Amended) An aerosol apparatus as defined in claim 1 [or 2] wherein said flash [vaporisation] vaporization component comprises ethanol.

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